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The Isle Report

Brought to you by the Maid of Honor, Sarah Bartash

Well, the countdown has begun! In one short year, Norah and Brian will walk down the isle. I thought I'd put together a little monthly newsletter which will eventually help keep track of what is being planned, convey general info and (of course) include some fun stuff. I hope you enjoy it!

A Short History (from their wedding website:

<http://norahandbrian.weddings.com>):

Brian and Norah met (if memories are correct!) when they were sixteen years old at a Friday night campfire party in La Crescent, Minnesota. The first time Brian remembers seeing Norah was at the Mound Prairie bridge swimming, and the first time Norah remembers speaking with Brian was when she was working at Subway in Nodine, Minnesota.

"The Big Day" Details:

Date: 07/07/07

(note: you will find some fun facts about the "Lucky #7 at the end of this issue)

Reception Location: [Pettibone Resort](#), La Crosse, Wisconsin

Ceremony: TBD (hmm. Yeah. We should probably work on that...)

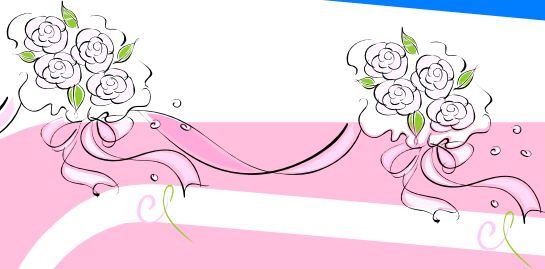
Are you coming in from out of town? Check out the La Crosse area visitor bureau website: <http://www.explorelacrosse.com/>

For nature lovers: You will be right on the Mississippi River. Be sure to check out Riverside Park on the [La Crosse](#) side of the river for beautiful views of the barges and of the [landmark double bridge](#).

For quaint shopping experience: [Historic downtown](#) is a great place to wander around. The [Bodega Brew Pub](#) is the Father of the Bride's favorite place for a pint, or for a caffeine buzz, stop by Jules's Café, which is attached to a very browse-able bookstore. Then check out the [People's Food Co-op](#) for an organic experience (or just to buy [Westby Cheese Curds](#))!

For those who REALLY like beer: You cannot miss [The World's Largest 6 Pack](#)





A very sweet tale to get you in the mood:

This was broadcast on the local radio station in Oregon. You can go here to listen to the whole piece (and you really should, just to hear her play piano)

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5586082>

**"Just a Pair of Childhood Sweethearts"
An Early Flame, Rekindled Late in Life**

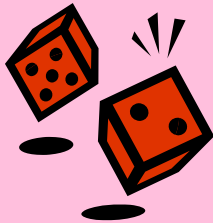
7/27/2006--Clayton Rice and Dorothy Rae Lukins are going to be married this weekend. Some say it's too soon, that the couple should wait longer. After all, they argue, Clayton Rice is only very recently widowed. What's more, he and Ms. Lukins have been dating just over a month.

But "too soon" is relative. "I am 81 years old," says Rice, "and this woman is 80. I don't have a half a dozen years to decide to get married or not. That's why we're getting married now."

They met back in 1938 and were "great good friends through high school." And while it's true there's been more than a 60-year hiatus, you can hardly accuse them of jumping in blind.

Saturday's ceremony will be held at Grace Memorial Episcopal Church in Portland, Oregon. The bride will enter to an old, beloved hymn, one she learned in the piano school where they met.

Says the groom, "when she (plays) that, I just cry."



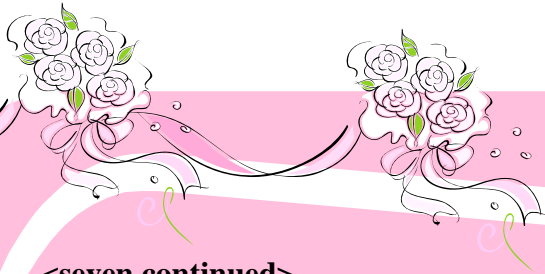
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The seventh son of a seventh son is supposed to be born gifted. Apparently Donny Osmond was such a son. I pass no comment on his 'gifts.'"

Yes, "7" is a lucky number. It is the sum of any two sides of dice. But did you also know:

- ❖ Seven visible planets (ancient definition = Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn).





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- ❖ The 3 human qualities (spirit, mind, body) plus the 4 elements of the world (earth, air, fire, water) equal 7, or the mystic number of man.
- ❖ Christian concept of creating the world in 7 days
- ❖ The "shichi-fukujin," translated either as the "Seven Gods of Happiness" or "Seven Gods of Luck" are personifications of earthly happiness in Japanese folk religion. They are:
 - HOTEL: the "fat" or "laughing" buddha who personifies mirth and merriment.
 - BISHAMONTEN: the watchman denotes care and security
 - FUKUROKUJU: the god of longevity
 - JUROJIN: the god of scholarship
 - DAIKOKU: the god of nutrition and health
 - EBISU: the god of fishing and plenty
 - BENZAITEN: the goddess of music.
- ❖ The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- ❖ The number of notes in the musical scale
- ❖ James Bond's agent secret number is 007.
- ❖ Seven is the smallest positive integer requiring more than one syllable in English.
- ❖ In Astrology, Libra is the 7th astrological sign of the Zodiac. (equality)
- ❖ The number of colors of the rainbow
- ❖ Seven virtues associated with Japanese chivalry:
 - 義 – Gi – Righteousness
 - 勇 – Yū – Courage
 - 仁 – Jin – Benevolence (unbiased kindness to do good.)
 - 礼 – Rei – Respect
 - 誠 – Makoto or 信 - Shin– Honesty
 - 名誉 – Meiyo – Honor, Glory
 - 忠義 – Chūgi – Loyalty
- ❖ In tarot, card No. 7 is "the Chariot" - Triumph over adversity, overcoming life's obstacles, decisiveness and ambition in achieving one's goals, well deserved victory.

Stay tuned for more wedding news in August!

